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REMARKS

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1. During the period from 6 to 11 October 1952, all troops returned from the troop training grounds to the barracks installations in Cottbus (N 52/A 57). On 50X1-HUM October, 7 JS tanks and 5 trucks were in the garages of the Hermann Loebner Kaserne. Numerous soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were seen in the installation. On 11 October, sedan was parked in front of the headquarters building. Five T-34/85 tanks were seen in the adjoining training area.

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2. On 6 October, a column of 6 three-axle armored scout cars, 10 two-axle armored scout cars, 4 jeeps and several trucks entered the south section of the Sachsenhof Kaserne on Jahn Strasse. Twenty three trucks were in the barracks yard. On 11 October, fresh marks of T-34 tanks and JS tanks led to the installation. Jeep entered the installation. All soldiers seen there wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank or artillery insignia.

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3. On 11 October, 7 T-34/85 tanks, 12 tank trucks with trailers and 6 field kitchens and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank or artillery insignia were seen in the area close to the Bissenchen Kaserne on the western exit of Bissenchen.

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4. On 11 October, 60 trucks with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen in the Alvensleben Kaserne on Carl Liebknecht Strasse.

5. On 11 October, 22 trucks and sedans were parked in the yard of the Funker Kaserne. (1)

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6. In early September, the Carl Marx Schule in Cottbus-Schmellwitz was requisitioned by the Soviets. A board fence, 2 meters high, was erected around the building. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and some wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen entering and leaving the school. A permanent overhead line was constructed from the Carl Marx Schule to the airfield and was nearing completion in late September.

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7. In late September [redacted] the barracks installation south of Vetschauer Strasse and west of the hospital in Cottbus, which had heavily been damaged during the war, had a new high barbed wire fence and was guarded by four sentries on watch towers placed at each corner of the installation. Three buildings were being reconitioned. Their windows were bricked up however with glass bricks. (3)

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8. In late September, a former factory building on August Bebel Strasse housed a supply depot which was frequently entered by supply vehicles. [redacted]

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Comments.

- (1) [redacted] the entrainment of the 9th Heerz Div began in Weiswasser on 4 October. Three trains carrying tanks were seen going from Weiswasser to Cottbus on 7 and 8 October. These reports undoubtedly covered only components and do not confirm that the bulk of the division has returned to the barracks installations.

- (3) This installation has been known as supply depot since 1950.

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- (4) This installation probably belongs to the Alvensleben Kaserne which is nearby.

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